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SUBJECT: PPP WITHDRAWS SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL DEFENCE BONDS COMMITTEE

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1. THE PEOPLE'S PROGRESSIVE PARTY (PPP) HAS WITHDRAWN ITS SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL DEFENCE BONDS COMMITTEE CREATED TO MOBILIZE SAVINGS FOR DEFENSE EXPENDITURES. PPP STATED ITS REASONS FOR NOT PARTICIPATING IN AN OPEN LETTER TO TRADES UNION CONGRESS (TUC) PUBLISHED IN THE "MIRROR." PPP EXPRESSED REGRET THAT IT WAS NOT CONSULTED PRIOR TO THE PRESS REPORT THAT MEMBERS OF THE PPP HAD BEEN INVITED TO SIT ON COMMITTEE.

2. LETTER WENT ON TO REVIEW STATE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN PPP AND BURNHAM'S PEOPLE'S NATIONAL CONGRESS (PNC). PPP POINTED OUT THAT IT HAD ADOPTED POLICY OF QUOTE CRITICAL SUPPORT UNQUOTE FOR THE GOVERNMENT BUT

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THAT TALKS AT HIGHEST LEVELS AIMED AT REMOVING OBSTACLES TO NATIONAL UNITY--SUCH AS RACIAL DISCRIMINATION--HAD PRODUCED NO TANGIBLE RESULTS. FOR EXAMPLE, PPP CLAIMED THAT PEOPLE'S MILITIA IS NOT TRULY BROAD BASED TO INCLUDE ALL RACES AND POLITICAL PARTIES, AND REGRETTED THAT PPP MEMBERS OF THE MILITIA'S PLANNING UNIT HAVE NOT BEEN

GIVEN POLICY-MAKING ROLE.

3. DEFENSE BONDS SCHEME IS VOLUNTARY AND ITS SUCCESS WILL DEPEND HEAVILY ON ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF UNIONS TO MOBILIZE WORKERS. THE PPP-CONTROLLED GUYANA AGRICULTURAL WORKERS UNION (GAWU), WHICH REPRESENTS SUGAR WORKERS, IS ONE OF THE LARGEST UNIONS AFFILIATED WITH THE TUC. PPP REFUSAL TO SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE CASTS THE PROJECT IN JEOPARDY AND IS OMINOUS INDICATOR FOR 1977 SHOULD JAGAN WITHDRAW FROM HIS POLICY OF CRITICAL SUPPORT. EMBASSY IS HEARING RUMORS FROM EAST INDIAN COMMUNITY THAT JAGAN'S SUPPORT OF BURNHAM GOVERNMENT IS COSTING HIM SUPPORT OF EAST INDIANS. IF JAGAN DECIDES TO PRESS ISSUE OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, BURNHAM'S PLEA FOR UNITY IN FACE OF ECONOMIC ADVERSITY AND FOREIGN DESTABILIZATION WILL GO DOWN THE DRAIN AND UNDOUBTEDLY STRAIN POLITICAL STABILITY OF COUNTRY.

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